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1. SUMMARY: AN AUGUST 3-4 MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH THE US IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOI BUT IT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THE FOREIGN OR AN ECONOMIC MINISTER SHOULD REPRESENT IT.

2. EMBOFF GAVE NON PAPER BASED ON PARAS 4-10 REFTTEL TO ACTING ASEAN DIRECTOR GENERAL JANWAR JANI WITH EXPLANATION THAT AIDE MEMOIRE HAD BEEN PASSED OFFICIALLY IN MANILA. JANI SAID AN AUGUST 3-4 MINISTERIAL MEETING IS COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOI. ONLY UNCERTAINTY REMAINING IS MINISTER'S IDENTITY, AND A CABINET DECISION ON THAT WILL BE TAKEN NEXT WEEK. JANI PERSONALLY FEELS STRONGLY THAT ECONOMIC RATHER THAN FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD MAKE UP THE BULK OF THE ASEAN MINISTERIAL DELEGATION AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT HIS VIEW IS SHARED BY SENIOR RANKS OF FONDEPT.
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HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY THAT TWO OR THREE FONMINS MAY ATTEND HAS FORCED THE GOI, WHICH EARLIER HAD SETTLED ON TRADE MINISTER PRAWIRO, TO TAKE A SECOND LOOK. JANI VOICED CONCERN THAT AN ALL OR MOSTLY FON MIN ASEAN DELEGATION MIGHT CAUSE SEC BLUMENTHAL TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION IN THE DIALOGUE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT FON MINS WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL AS SUCCESSFULLY WITH

WHAT IS OVERWHELMINGLY AN ECONOMIC AGENDA AS WOULD ECONOMIC
MINISTERS.

3. ASKED IF THE MAY 30-31 TECHNICAL EXPERTS' MEETING IN
MANILA WOULD COME OFF AS PLANNED, JANI SAID HE THOUGH
SO. HE SAID GOI PLANNED TO SEND
EXPERTS BUT CONCEDED THAT INDONESIA HAD DONE LITTLE
PREPARATION FOR SUCH A MEETING. (BANGKOK 12612 REPORTED
SEC GEN THEP'S STATEMENT THAT ASEAN MEMBERS WERE INDI-
VIDUALLY DRAWING UP A LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS, BUT
JANI INDICATED THAT INDONESIA, AT LEAST, IS NOT DOING
THIS). JANI SAID HE HAD ALSO SUGGESTED TO DAS HEGINBOTHAM
DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO JAKARTA WITH VICE PRESIDENT,
THE POSSIBILITY OF A SENIOR OFFICIALS-LEVEL
(WHICH HE DEFINED AS ASEAN DIR GEN-DAS) MEETING PRIOR
TO MINISTERIAL. HE SAID HEGINBOTHAM'S REACTION HAD BEEN
FAVORABLE AND THAT HE INTENDED TO FLOAT THIS PROPOSAL BY
HIS ASEAN COUNTERPARTS.

4. JANI SAID HE NOW EXPECTED THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS'
MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY, TO BE HELD IN
JAKARTA IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.
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